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Title:	Apparatus for Subcutaneous Administration of an Injectable Product		

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-27 as follows:

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1-14. Cancelled.

15. (New) An apparatus for subcutaneous self-administration of an injectable product comprising:

a housing;

a receiving sleeve coupled with the housing;

an injection needle protruding beyond said housing;

a needle protection sleeve generally surrounding said injection needle, said needle protection sleeve connected to said housing and slidable between a proximal position and a distal position, wherein in said distal position said injection needle protrudes beyond said needle protection sleeve and the needle protection sleeve is disposed within an interior of the receiving sleeve so that a user cannot view the needle entering and penetrating tissue and cannot gauge the relative position of the needle by monitoring the relative movement of a rear portion of the

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